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16.7 LAKH INDIANS DIED IN 2019 DUE TO AIR POLLUTION: STUDY

Outdoor and household particulate matter pollution contributed to the death of 1.16 lakh infants in the first month of their life

CAUSES STROKE, HEART ATTACK, LUNG CANCER

More than half of these deaths were associated with outdoor PM2.5 and others were linked to the use of solid fuels such as charcoal, wood, and animal dung for cooking. Long-term exposure to outdoor and household air pollution contributed to deaths from stroke, heart attack, diabetes, lung cancer, chronic lung diseases and neonatal diseases, the report said

LARGEST RISK FACTOR FOR DEATH

- The new analysis reported in the State of Global Air this year says air pollution is now the largest risk factor for death
- Particulate air pollution exposure during pregnancy is linked to low birth weight and pre-term birth, which can trigger serious complications that may lead to death

21%

OF NEONATAL DEATHS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AMBIENT / HOUSEHOLD AIR POLLUTION

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PM will meet 15 funding agencies

Foreign investors look up to India for stable returns, to tap long-term opportunities here

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PRIME Minister Narendra will soon meet 15 leading global fund houses which are keen to invest in India, Tarun Bajaj, secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), said on Wednesday.

"Fund houses from all over the world are in touch with us and want us to provide good assets with stable returns," Bajaj said while addressing a virtual event organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

The decision follows conversations between funds and the Indian government on long-term investment opportunities here. The announcement also comes on a day when RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said India is at the cusp of an economic recovery.

Bajaj, however, did not reveal names of the funds which would be meeting the PM.

The DEA secretary added that the government was looking at channelising domestic savings and domestic assets.

"There is a lot of capital available in the country and now it's increasing unlike 10 years ago, when money was not available. For instance, the government is in talks with regulators to tinker rules to allow Employees Provident Fund to put money in the infra sector," the official said.

He also revealed that the Union Cabinet will soon consider a new public sector enterprises policy, which will allow for the privatisation of the public sector enterprises. "It is an open secret, but till it gets the stamp of the Cabinet we are not satisfied. It should happen very soon," Bajaj said, adding monetisation of assets is a focus area of the government and that it is getting a lot of traction.

He said the government has been able to privatise six airports, and now the Airports Authority of India and the Ministry of Civil Aviation are ready with six more airports.

GOVT OPEN TO MORE STIMULUS

The Modi govt is open to further stimulus measures to boost the coronavirus-hit economy, Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa being briefed about the extent of damage caused due to rain and flooding, during an aerial survey of affected districts | EXPRESS

CM takes stock of flood damage

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@ Kalaburagi

AS the water level in the swollen Bhima river, which has caused extensive damage to standing crop and properties, began to recede, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday surveyed the devastation caused in the North Karnataka districts during an aerial survey.

The situation remains grim as around six lakh cusecs of water is being released into the Bhima river from dams in Maharashtra, and the Army, NDRF, SDRF personnel and the local administration have been directed to be on high alert. During the survey of flood-hit areas in Kalaburgi, Bidar and Raichur in an Indian Air Force helicopter, the CM witnessed the damage to standing crops and properties. Due to bad weather conditions, he had to cancel his plans to take stock of the situation in other parts of Kalaburgi and also visit to Vijayapura.

After his marathon meetings for over three hours with senior officers from the flood-hit districts at Kalaburgi airport, the CM said he cannot announce any fresh compensation due to the Model Code of Conduct in force for the legislative council and bypolls to assembly segments on November 3. He, however, directed the officials to take up relief works as per NDRF and SDRF norms, to ensure adequate supply of food and medicines in relief camps, and prevent outbreak of communicable diseases. P4

Jnana Bharathi gangrape: HC upholds life term for 7

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Wednesday confirmed the life sentence awarded by a trial court to seven people involved in the gangrape of a law student on the Jnana Bharathi campus in the city in October 2012.

A division bench of Justice B Veerappa and Justice K Natarajan upheld the order passed by the trial court in September 2013 and 2017, sentencing the accused to life imprisonment, and dismissed their appeals. The convicted are Ramu, Shivanna, Maddura, Eleyaiah aka Eleya, Eeraiah, Ramu and Dodda Eeraiah aka Doddeera, residents of Metaridoddi in Ramanagara taluk.

Additional State Public Prosecutor Vijay Kumar Majage said the victim, a native of Nepal, supported the case fully by identifying the accused during the Test Identification Parade and deposed each and every overt act of the culprits before the court, which helped the prosecution to prove the case beyond doubt. Continued on: P7

EXPRESS READ

Oppn leaders condemn arrest of Stan Swamy

Bengaluru: Opposition leaders from several parties including Shashi Tharoor, Kanimozhi, D Raja and Sitaram Yechury on Wednesday expressed solidarity with activist Stan Swamy, who has been booked under UAPA, and demanded that it be repealed. They also urged the public to break its silence on the Centre's efforts to "chip away the rights of the people". P9

Govt relaxes onion import norms, to offload more stock

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WITH onion prices going north because of heavy rains damaging standing crops in Maharashtra and Karnataka, the Centre on Wednesday announced easing of its import norms till December 15.

India is already importing onions from Egypt and Iran. While Maharashtra's popular Lasalgaon variety of big onions fetches a retail price of ₹90-100 per kg, the Egypt and Iran consignments come at half the cost — ₹40-50. The downside is the imported varieties aren't as hot on the palate as the Indian ones.

The Consumer Affairs Ministry said it will offload more onion from its buffer stock into the open market to contain the price rise. An estimated kharif crop of 37 lakh tonnes is likely to start arriving in the *mandis* and soften prices, it added.

The ministry said, "The government has relaxed the conditions for fumigation and additional declaration on Phytosanitary Certificate (PSC) under the Plant Quarantine Order (PQ), 2003 for import up to December 15, 2020."

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